

MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Service Agents, City of Milwaukee
and Contractors

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SUBJECT: State of Wisconsin Boiler/Pressure Vessel Code Update

This memorandum is intended to inform you that the State of Wisconsin has updated the Administrative Rules Comm 41, Boiler/Pressure Vessels, Comm 2, Fees and Comm 5, Credentialing Requirements for Boiler Inspectors. The new rules will go into effect November 1, 2005.

It has been a long six years since we have updated the Boiler/Pressure Vessel code. I feel that the Boiler Advisory Council and the State of Wisconsin have developed an outstanding rules package to better the safety and lives of the people in the State of Wisconsin. We have included required continued education requirements for Boiler Inspectors which is something each company will need to watch carefully. The information on Continued Education was put out at the Industry Days forum in August of 2005. It will be put out again in the Spring Industry days being held in March 2006.

Here is a synopsis of the changes. You can get the new rules as of November 1st, once they go into effect. Here is the Web site for your convenience: <http://commerce.wi.gov/SB/SB-DivCodesListing.html>

[The numbers in brackets indicate where the change can be found in the proposed rules.]

1. Revising the fee schedule for inspections of multiple boilers in one building and multiple pressure vessels in one building. [Comm 2.11 Tables 2.11-1 and 2.11-2]
2. Creating continuing education requirements for renewal of the certification as a certified boiler-pressure vessel inspector. [Comm 5.60 (5) (c)]
3. Updating currently adopted national standards to the most recent edition of the standards. [Comm 41.10 (2)]
4. Adding a rule requiring reporting inactive or non-existent boilers and pressure vessels to the department. [Comm 41.15 (3) (b)]
5. Clarifying the exemption from inspection and registration for power piping. [Comm 41.16 (2) (b) and 41.41 (2) (b)]
6. Revising the requirements for indicating when an inspection of boilers and pressure vessels has been performed and for providing copies of inspection reports. [Comm 41.23 (1)]
7. Starting one year after the effective date of the proposed rules, requiring all inspection reports to be sent electronically to the department. [Comm 41.23 (2) (a) 2.]

8. Exempting ASME form P-4B from completion for boiler piping on certain ASME stamped boilers. [Comm 41.41 (3)]
9. Exempting cast iron sectional boilers stamped "H" and pressure vessels stamped "UM" from National Board registration. [Comm 41.42 (2) (b)]
10. Requiring registration with the National Board for routine repairs and for seal welding of 6 or more boiler tubes. [Comm 41.62 (2)]
11. Creating new rules for the inspection and testing of historical boilers operated at fairs, steam shows and other locations frequented by the public. [Subchapter IX]

Again, the above information is a quick synopsis of the Commerce code changes. Each company will be responsible to review the materials and provide it to their employees.

As I stated above we will be having another Boiler Industry Days next March 2006 in conjunction with the WBIA (Wisconsin Boiler Inspectors Association) and the National Board. Hope to see you all there.

If you questions, please feel free to call or e-mail.

Thanks, stay warm and have a great winter.

Respectfully,

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